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INQUIRY INTO SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY

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To Greg Alpin MP .

This is a letter of submission as to the effectiveness of the School Zones located in Albury which are on the Renamed Hume Highway .

The School Zone which covers the Scots School starts on Young Street between Wilson Street with the Bunning's Hardware Store on the right it contains the Guinea Street Borella Road intersection which like Wilson Street are controlled by Traffic Lights .The School Boundary starts heading North on the East side of Young Street up to the Perry Street intersection which is not controlled by traffic lights but is very wide .The whole section of Young Street between Wilson Street and Perry Street is divided by a concrete medium strip which continues beyond Perry Street .The section of road opposite the Scots School provides the Police with there hunting ground for the unfortunate motorist who does not and cannot see the 40 K School Zone due to the fact that they are set in amongst the trees. Not to mention the fact that they have just been through the worst Intersection in Albury and there conceration has been tested to the limit .A School Zone on a dividered dual carriage way road with cars parked between the trees is not something people from out of town look for or is needed as the School itself has its entry point in Perry Street and the children are well protected.This School Zone is just a Police Revenue Raiser nothing else .If you could get the amount of motorists book by the Police from the RTA you would see this .

The School Zone for the North Albury Primary School falls into the same catoragy it is located on the east side of Mate Street in between the entrance to the Albury Show Grounds and the Fallon Street intersection which is controlled by Traffic Lights .Again this length of Mate Street has a concrete medium strip running from North Street up to and beyond the Five Ways Intersection .Again the Police park themselves at this intersection for nothing more than Revenue Raising .The intersection has its own built in confusion as it has Traffic Lights that permit Left and Right hand turns while the normal flow of traffic is stopped at the lights

When you have traffic standing still coming North and you are free to proceed South you enter the intersection with caution as you are made aware that something is not right especially when you are from out of town .If you were back in Albury a few weeks ago you will remember the fatal Car and Motorbike accident that took place here and this was at 11.30 pm night time .Again the School is well protected by fencing 6 feet high and is clearly visible but again the 40k Signs are buried in the trees and motorists are concentrating on the intersection for a change in the lights .Again the children are well protected as the School entrance is in Fallon Street .Both these Schools are protected by Traffic Lights both these Schools have there Entrance of the main road[Young Street and Mate Street]in my view there is no need for a 40K speed limit but in all fairness to our School Children there should be signage that says School Ahead or something to that effect to alert drivers .

I have been booked in both these school zones once each only and now when I go into Albury I travel via the bypass to South Albury if I go to Lavington I get off at the Paper Mill I don't go anywhere near these School Zones if I can help it as they are nothing more than Police Revenue Raising sites you are not let off .And for that reason alone they should be scrapped .They do not provide any protection to the School children now or into the future .

The whole length of the Old Hume Highway from the Murray River to the Albury Bypass entrance is 60 kph dotted at every chance with traffic lights it is a very congested road at times but this only adds to its safety if you are patient and you have a lot more to concentrate on than looking for a 40 K School Zone common since says they should go .

Yours Mick George .

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mick George', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.